

Proposal 44

Existing regulation: Unit 26(A) - Moose

The **Unit 26(A) Controlled Use Area**, which consists of Unit 26(A), is closed to the use of aircraft in any manner for moose hunting, including the transportation of moose hunters or parts of moose from Aug. 1- Aug. 31 and from Jan. 1 - Mar. 31. No hunter may take or transport a moose, or part of a moose in Unit 26(A) after having been transported by aircraft into the unit. However, this does not apply to transportation of moose hunters or moose parts by regularly scheduled flights to and between village by carriers that normally provide scheduled service to this area, nor does it apply to transportation by aircraft to or between publicly owned aircraft.

Proposed regulation: Unit 26(A) - Moose

The **Unit 26(A) Controlled Use Area**, which consists of Unit 26(A), is closed to the use of aircraft in any manner for moose hunting, including the transportation of moose hunters or parts of moose from Aug. 1- ~~Aug. 31~~ **Sept. 14** and from Jan. 1 - Mar. 31. No hunter may take or transport a moose, or part of a moose in Unit 26(A) after having been transported by aircraft into the unit. However, this does not apply to transportation of moose hunters or moose parts by regularly scheduled flights to and between village by carriers that normally provide scheduled service to this area, nor does it apply to transportation by aircraft to or between publicly owned aircraft.

Reason for changing the regulation: To extend the season for aircraft restrictions in Unit 26(A) to parallel proposed changes in the moose harvest season. This one prevents disturbance by aircraft during subsistence harvest activities. This is a parallel proposal to one submitted to the Alaska Board of Game, Fall 2001 (Proposal # 38).

Effect of change on fish and wildlife populations: Moose numbers have increased along core portion of the Coville River drainage, so that a limited increase in moose harvest season is possible without detracting from the continued population recovery. Matching the dates for the Unit 26(A) CUA aircraft restrictions to the proposed extended moose season would not directly effect moose populations.

Effect of proposed change on subsistence users: Prevent aircraft disturbance during subsistence moose harvest activities

Additional information:

Proposed by: North Slope Regional Advisory Council

Proposal 45

Existing regulation: Unit 26(A) - Moose

Unit 26(A) - that portion of the Colville River drainage downstream from the mouth of the Anaktuvuk River - 1 bull. Federal public lands are closed to the taking of moose by non-Federally qualified users. Aug. 1-31.

Proposed regulation: Unit 26(A) - Moose

Unit 26(A) - that portion of the Colville River drainage downstream from ~~the mouth of the Anaktuvuk River~~ **and including the Chandler River**- 1 bull. Federal public lands are closed to the taking of moose by non-Federally qualified users. Aug. 1-~~31~~ **Sept. 14.**

Reason for changing the regulation: To increase subsistence opportunities by extending the harvest area and season. This is a parallel proposal to one submitted to the Alaska Board of Game, Fall 2001 (Proposal #26).

Effect of change on fish and wildlife populations: Moose numbers have increased along core portion of the Coville River drainage, so that a limited increase in bull harvest is possible without detracting from the continued population recovery.

Effect of proposed change on subsistence users: Increase in harvest opportunities

Additional information:

Proposed by: North Slope Regional Advisory Council

Proposal 46 (Deferred Proposal 2001-46 C & T)

Existing regulation: Unit 26(B) - Muskox

C & T - Unit 26(B) - Residents of Anaktuvuk Pass, Nuiqsut, and Kaktovik.

Proposed regulation: Unit 26(B) - Muskox

C & T - Unit 26(B) - Residents of **Unit 26(B)**, Anaktuvuk Pass, Nuiqsut, and Kaktovik.

Reason for changing the regulation: Around 1988 regulations were changed for muskox hunting on the North Slope of the Brooks Range. Prior to the change, all residents were allowed to hunt muskox in GMU 26(C). Now residents of neighboring units (GMU 26(B)) can no longer get a permit to harvest muskox.

Effect of change on fish and wildlife populations: GMU 26(B) has a very good population of muskox. The State Board of Game recently authorized up to 45 muskox limit per year yet manager have only allowed a portion of these muskox to be harvested throughout GMU 26(A), (B), and (C). The small numbers of qualified rural residents in GMU 26(B) would have little or no impact on the muskox population.

Effect of proposed change on subsistence users: Residents of GMU 26(B) will once more be allowed to harvest muskox that they once relied upon. Barter Island residents will not be affected nor will Nuiqsut residents. Both these villages are outside GMU 26(B).

Communities which have used this resource: Happy Valley Camp.

Where the resource has been harvested: White Hills (Toolik and Kuparuk Rivers); Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; Ivisak and Ribdon Rivers, Dalton Highway Corridor; Sag River.

When the resource has been harvested: September, October, March.

Additional information:

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